India and abroad attended a conference on "Global Warming and Climate Change-perspectives from developing countries" organised by the Tata Energy Research Institute, New Delhi in collaboration with the United Nations Environment Programme, The Woods Hole Research Centre, USA, the World Resources Institute, USA, from 21-23 February, 1989 at Delhi.

(b) Government of India and other agencies have organised conferences on related subjects from time to time.

(c) and (d) Recommendations made by the conference have not been received in the Government.

Setting up of a sancturay in the Rala Mandal Hill area

2509. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Madhya Pradesh Government have requested his Ministry to provide sufficient funds for the setting up of a sanctuary in the Rala Mandal hill area; and

(b) if so, what action the Central Government have taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) and (b) No proposal from the Madhya Pradesh Government seeking funds for setting up of a sanctuary in the Rala Mandal hill area is under consideration of the Central Government.

Indo-Lankan joint panel on tea

2510. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and Sri Lanka have recently set up a joint panel on tea;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) to what extent it will help in improving the production of tea in the country; and

(d) whether any concrete formula has been evolved in this regard and if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) to (d) An Indian Tea Delegation visited Sri-Lanka and held discussions with Sri-Lankan authorities on matters of mutual interest including International Tea Scene. As a result of discussions both India and Sri-Lanka have agreed to set up a Working Group consisting of representatives of both the countries to work out the areas of mutual co-operation and the modalities for achieving such co-operation.

Trade between India and Sweden

2511. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Trading Corporation had contracted goods for exports to Sweden during 1988,

(b) whether it is also a fact that a Memorandum of Understanding between the two countries was of the order of Rs. 1724/- crores;

(c) if so, to what extent the trade between India and Sweden has been increasing; and

(d) what are the details of the agreements signed for the year 1989?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) to (d) State Trading Corporation of India (S.T.C.) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with M/s. A. B. Bofors of Sweden on 30th March, 1987, which provides for export of a wide range of manufactured items and commodities of not less than 50 per cent of the value of the contract amounting to SEK 8.4 billion or Rs. 1438 crores for supply of certain ordinance materials to Ministry of Defence. Under this MOU, exports take place not only to Sweden but to other countries also.